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FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE:

EIU HOSTS HIGH SCHOOL CHEMISTRY CONTEST

CHARLESTON -- Tuscola High School won first place in the 19th annual high school chemistry contest held recently at Eastern Illinois University. This is the fourth year in a row that the Tuscola team has won the contest and walked away with the travelling team trophy.

Pictured from left to right are Amber Wilkenson, Kay Kleiss (chemistry teacher),

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CHEMISTRY CONTEST

Ben Voyles (fifth place individual winner) and Danna Bishop.

The contest, sponsored by Eastern's chemistry department, was open to high school students who are in the process of completing their first year of chemistry. This year the contest attracted 65 students from nine area high schools. Participants competed both as individuals and as members of their school team. The contest consisted of a 50 - minute examination written and administered by EIU chemistry department staff.

Eastern is a residential university with an enrollment of 10,700 on-campus students. The university has as its highest priority teaching in its classrooms and laboratories complemented by strong academic support services.